



## ***Press Release***

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### **SCSO, Desoto County Sheriff's Office to Conduct Sobriety Roadside Safety Checkpoints**

**The Shelby County Sheriff's Office** along with the Desoto County Sheriff's Department will be conducting two **DUI Sobriety Checkpoints** at two pre-determined locations due to area crash data on alcohol related crashes. This is a joint DUI Enforcement Initiative to deter and detect alcohol violations and prevent motor vehicles crashes involving motorist who have been consuming alcohol.

The first checkpoint will be conducted at **Hacks Cross/ Stateline Rd** from **8:30pm – 10:30pm** and the second checkpoint will be conducted at **Riverdale/ Stateline Rd** from **11:30pm – 1:30am**.

Impaired driving is a serious crime that kills more than 16,000 people and injures 305,000 others every year in the United States. In 2009, nearly one-third of those killed in crashes on our Tennessee highways involves drivers or motorcycle operators with a blood alcohol concentration (**BAC**) of **.08** or above at the time of the deadly crash. That is simply unacceptable.

Drunk driving is deadly and will not be tolerated. Officers will evaluate drivers for signs of alcohol or drug impairment. Officers will also target those who operate a vehicle while impaired and take corrective actions for other violations observed while ensuring the protection of all motorists.

**The Shelby County Sheriff's Office and Desoto County Sheriff's Department** recognizes that sobriety checkpoints are highly visible and effective tools in the battle against impaired driving.

Shelby County Sheriff's DUI Officers working this checkpoint will be 100% funded with federal grant dollars in the amount of \$200,000. **“This project is funded under an agreement with the Governor's Highway Safety Office”.**

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